



The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnerships



Here's what's happening with Serve DC

Note from the Director



Greetings Washingtonians,

I'm excited to share with you the first 2022 edition of the Serve DC Newsletter. My name is Alexis L. Squire and I have the privilege of serving under the leadership of Mayor Muriel Bowser as the Director and Chief Service Officer at the Mayor's Office of Volunteerism and Partnerships, also known as Serve DC. My team is dedicated to connecting people to purpose through volunteerism, service, and partnerships and my hope is you'll see evidence of this mission below.

We had a busy start to the year at Serve 202! Coming off the heels of a season of activations, this month we honored our dedicated volunteers with a little Vol-entine's Day appreciation celebration.

We took time to celebrate and honor Black History Month. From joining in the inaugural Frederick Douglass Dialogues hosted by #DouglassWeek, to highlighting innovative ways to recruit volunteers of color and bolster volunteer equity in the District, my team and I are proud to advance Mayor Bowser's commitment to amplify Black voices and service.

I also had the pleasure to represent our city and agency's work at the recent national leadership convening of America's Service Commissions

(ASC). There I got to share and learn more about creating pathways for accessible and equitable volunteerism with state and federal partners.

We're proud to Serve DC, and we hope to inspire you to do the same.

Yours In Service,

Alexis L. Squire

Director and Chief Service Officer

District Updates

INDOOR MASK REQUIREMENTS

On March 1, masks will **NOT** be required at:

- Restaurants and bars
- Sports and entertainment venues
- Gyms, recreation centers, and indoor athletic facilities
- Houses of worship
- Businesses
- Grocery stores and pharmacies
- Retail establishments
- DC Government offices/areas with no public interaction

On March 1, masks **STILL** will be required at:

- Any private business that wants to require use of masks by its employees or customers
- Schools, childcare facilities, and libraries
- Congregate facilities: nursing homes/assisted living facilities, shelters, dorms, and correctional facilities
- Healthcare/medical facilities
- Public transit, taxis, and rideshare vehicles
- DC Government facilities with direct interaction between employees and the public (e.g., DMV service centers, DHS service centers)

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COVID CENTERS

Ward	Location	Schedule
1	800 Euclid Street NW	Open: Mon-Sat Closed: Sunday
2	926 F Street NW	Open: Mon-Sat Closed: Sunday
3	5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW	Open: Wed-Mon Closed: Tuesday
4	4704 13th Street NW (inside the Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ)	Open: Mon-Sat Closed: Sunday
5	2350 Washington Place NE, Ste 105-N	Open: Tues-Sun Closed: Monday
6	507 8th Street, SE	Open: Wed-Mon Closed: Tuesday
7	3929 Minnesota Avenue NE	Open: Tues-Sun Closed: Monday
8	3640 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue SE	Open: Mon-Sat Closed: Sunday

Day	COVID Center Hours (if open)
Monday	10am-8pm
Tuesday	10am-8pm
Wednesday	10am-8pm
Thursday	11am-9pm
Friday	9am-7pm
Saturday	10am-8pm
Sunday	9am-7pm

The last day of firehouse testing will be on Saturday, February 26.

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Join Mayor Muriel Bowser,
the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, and
the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services for a

WARD 7 MEET & GREET

Saturday, March 12, 2022
St. Luke Catholic Church
(4923 50th St SE, Washington, DC 20019)
10:00 AM

Meet with Directors and Staff of
MOCA agencies and MOCRS to learn,
engage, and share ideas on how we
can work for you.

@DCMOCA PLEASE RSVP AT: tinyurl.com/Ward7MeetGreet

Logos for: MORCA, MOWPI, CLEAN CITY DC, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, SERVE DC, MAYOR'S OFFICE ON DC LATINO AFFAIRS, and MOCRS.

Mayor Bowser and the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs Ward 7 Meet and Greet

Join Serve DC staff with Mayor Bowser and the
Mayor's Office of Community Affairs in Ward 7 on
March 12th to meet and greet with our agencies
and staff! [RSVP here](#).

Also, be sure to check out the recent [budget
engagement forum](#) here and the [84 month report](#).



Mayor Bowser and the Mayor's Office on Women's Policy and Initiatives HerStory 5K

Join us on March 19th for the 4th Annual HerStory 5K on Freedom Plaza! Register to reserve your spot [here](#).



Serve DC Performance Oversight Hearing

On January 24th, Director Squire testified before Councilmember Trayon White and the Committee on Recreation, Libraries, and Youth Affairs about Serve DC's activities in Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 to date. **Catch the full recording [here](#)!**

[Serve DC In the News: Our Recent Volunteer Appreciation Event](#)



Happy Vol-entine's Day with Safeway!

On February 16th, **Serve DC, the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (MOCA), and the Mayor's Office on Women's Policy and Initiatives (MOWPI)**, in partnership with **Safeway**, showed appreciation for the over 2,000 volunteers who activated around the District's response to COVID-19.

Volunteers stopped by the Capitol Hill Safeway and were gifted tokens of appreciation donated by our partner **Safeway**, including flowers, cupcakes, and COVID-19 booster shots. In the words of one volunteer, "it helps when businesses get involved." Serve DC staff were also on-site to share additional ways to stay involved in the community through service. **[Check out this WTOP story that featured our festive efforts!](#)**

National Service:

FY 2022-2023 AmeriCorps State Formula Grant Competition Now Open

- **FY 2022-2023 AmeriCorps State Formula Grant Competition Now Open**
 - Nonprofits and other organizations can apply now for AmeriCorps funding for program focused on topics including but not limited to:
 - COVID-19 Response and Recovery Efforts
 - Racial Inequity
 - Educational Opportunity and Economic Mobility
 - Civic Engagement
 - NEW Gun Violence Prevention – Community-based and nonprofit organizations that are working to reduce gun violence in geographic areas that are underserved or have the highest need. Serve DC will prioritize programs or strategies that aim to make members available to unserved/underserved areas, particularly through multi-disciplinary models.
 - To learn more, please visit our grants clearing house: communityaffairs.dc.gov/content/community-grant-program.
 - On February 23rd, in partnership with **America's Service Commissions**, Serve DC hosted an info session which you can find on our [website](#).

FY 2022-2023 AMERICORPS STATE FORMULA GRANT COMPETITION

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Wednesday, February 9

NOFO Released

Wednesday, February 23

Informational Session for Potential Applications

Friday, April 8

Full Applications Due in eGrants to AmeriCorps and Serve DC

May 16-27

Serve DC Clarification Process with Qualifying Applicants

Monday, May 30

Revised/Final Applications Due in eGrants

Wednesday, June 1

Serve DC Submits Final Subgrantee Award Recommendations to AmeriCorps



About Serve DC:

The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism & Partnerships (Serve DC) is the District of Columbia Government agency dedicated to promoting service and strategic partnerships as an innovative, sustainable solution to pressing social challenges. Serve DC engages District communities by building partnerships and organizational capacity, leading local and national volunteer and service initiatives, and providing and promoting meaningful service opportunities.



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America's Service Commissions Leadership Convening

In February, Director Squire attended the annual leadership convening of America's Service Commission, a nonprofit dedicated to advocating and assisting state service commissions with AmeriCorps programming. She met with AmeriCorps leadership and discuss future partnerships with other state and territorial commissions.

Image: Chief Service Officer Alexis L. Squire with AmeriCorps CEO Michael Smith and AmeriCorps State and National Director, Sonali Nijhawan.

AmeriCorps Week is coming up: March 13-19



Stay tuned for a slate of program highlights, volunteer spotlights, and other exciting engagements that showcase the spirit of service in the District. This year's national theme is 'Together, we are AmeriCorps.'

[Learn More Here](#)

Partnerships and Engagement:



Frederick Douglass Week

Director Squire was invited to speak on behalf of Mayor Bowser on February 12th at the Inaugural Douglass Dialogues, a session on understanding black history through the revolutionary lives of the women of the Douglass family (Anna Murray Douglass, Rosetta Douglass Sprague, and Annie Douglass). Thank you to the **#DouglassWeek** organization for leading an incredible week of events. Frederick Douglass spent his life fighting for justice, equality, and an inclusive vision of humanity. He and so many others are an inspiration to us all!



Serve 202: Exploring Racial Equity through Volunteerism: Recruiting, Retaining, and Recognizing Volunteers of Color

On February 23rd, Serve DC hosted the virtual Session 2 of Serve 202: Priorities and Partnerships Series in collaboration with the **Center for Nonprofit Advancement**. This session was focused on Exploring Racial Equity through Volunteerism.

Moderated by EZ Street, panelists included Dr. Amber Hewitt of DC's **Office of Racial Equity**, Nakeisha Jones of **Public Allies Washington DC**, and Dr. Tochukwu Okasi-Nwozo of **DC Central Kitchen**. Panelists explored best practices of engaging volunteers of color and breaking out of Western models of volunteer service. Two unsung African American Volunteer Heroes were also highlighted in honor of Black History Month; Ruth Richardson and Brittaney Nelson. You can catch the recording [here](#).

Emergency Preparedness:



Join the Volunteer Snow Team Today!

There's still time to join the DC Volunteer Snow Team where you will be matched with a senior or resident with a disability on your block who you can assist during winter storms. Sign up on our portal [here](#) and join the hundreds of other residents in service today.

CALLING ALL DISTRICT YOUTH!



**2022 MAYOR MARION S. BARRY
SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

APPLICATION IS OPEN

APPLY AT [SUMMERJOBS.DC.GOV](https://summerjobs.dc.gov)

#MBSYEP2022



Summer Youth Emergency Preparedness Academy

Are you a young resident of DC interested in emergency preparedness careers? Are you passionate about keeping your family and community safe and building resilience? [Apply to join Serve DC's Summer Youth Emergency Preparedness Academy as part of the Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program.](#)

Funding Highlight

Goldman Sachs Black Women Impact Grants

Are you a black woman-led nonprofit? Apply now for a grant of up to \$250,000 from Goldman Sachs to increase the impact your organization has on the community. Learn more and apply [here](#) and be sure to sign up for our [Serve DC Funding Alert](#) to stay up to date on the latest funding opportunities.

Partner Highlight

Each month, we'd like to highlight one of Serve DC's partners in service! This month, we're featuring Public Allies Washington DC.

Public Allies is a social justice organization committed to changing the face and practice of leadership by recruiting and training talented young leaders, with a passion for social impact, to create meaningful change in our community. They strive to cultivate allies who are diverse, equity-centered, innovative problem solvers, and dedicated to mobilizing community assets to develop solutions to local challenges. [Read more about their work here.](#)



Interested in Volunteering? Join us:

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